

THE CHILDREN'S STORY TELLING CLUB

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Hello, Kiddies! I expect you are all wondering who won the FIRST and SECOND prizes in our big Missing Word Contest, aren't you? Of course, it's perfectly natural for you to wonder about it; indeed, I expect the time has seemed real long to you—but I am going to tell you all about it NOW, and I want you to listen VERY carefully to everything I say because I have some important explanations to make besides telling you about the contest.

Ruby Edith Converse of Muir, Michigan, won the FIRST prize in the Missing Word Contest, and Bernice Packard of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, and Ruth Williams of Riverdale, Michigan, won the two second prizes. All the other little contestants, numbering almost one hundred and fifty, won dandy post cards (excepting eight little members which I shall tell you about shortly.)

Now for my explanations:

When I planned the Missing Word Contest I fully expected, at least one, of our little club members to send in the correct guess—anyway, one or two; but instead of that I received NINE guesses that were exactly alike, and, you see, they were all really entitled to the FIRST prize!

WHAT WAS I TO DO ABOUT IT?

There was but one FIRST prize and I couldn't divide it up into nine parts, could I?

Well, I thought, and thought and THOUGHT and here is what I decided to do: send the doll, or the book or the game to Ruby Edith Converse because she sent in the FIRST list of words that was nearest correct, and to the eight other little members who sent in the same guess, I would send a prize that was just as nice as the FIRST prize. That was fair, wasn't it?

Now, the two SECOND prizes, you remember, were to be two perfectly beautiful postcards in a box. And would you believe it! TWENTY-SIX little club members won the second prizes because they all sent in the same guesses! But, of course, I couldn't divide the two second prizes into TWENTY-SIX pieces, could I? Not satisfactorily, anyway, so I decided to do this: I would send the two SECOND PRIZES (the post cards in a box) to the two little contestants who sent in the FIRST nearest correct guesses, and to each of the twenty-four other little contestants who sent in the same guesses, I would send a post card just as nice as the ones in a box, only it would be sent in an envelope. That was fair, wasn't it?

And to every little boy and girl that sent in a list of Missing Words I would send a dandy post card with an appropriate inscription written on it. (Of course, all of you will have received your prizes before you read this in your paper, but if any of you have failed to receive a prize just write and tell me about it and I will correct the mistake at once.)

Now, kiddies, I hope you all have enjoyed the Missing Word Contest and feel perfectly satisfied with the awarding of the prizes. Your editor did the very best she knew how and tried to be as fair as she possibly could be.

And now we will have our letters. Our first one is from May Van Dine, of Holland, Michigan, who writes as follows:

Dear Editor:—I have been reading the stories and letters in the Chil-

dren's Story Telling Club. I like it very well and I wish to join. Will you please send me a membership card? I have three brothers and one sister. Their names are: Louis, Frank, Robert and Zephia. Papa takes the paper. I have been reading about the club every week. I am 12 years old. I want to join the contest and these are the Missing Words: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Hand; 4, Roof; 5, Feet; 6, Keep; 7, Said; 8, See; 9, Cry; 10, Head; 11, Puzzled; 12, Pull. Your friend, May Van Dine.

May, I sent you a membership card. I hope you received it. I also sent you a Prize Post Card, which you won in the Missing Word Contest, and I hope you enjoyed getting it as much as I enjoyed sending it to you. Write again. Our next letter is from Nina Lovejoy, of Thompsonville, Michigan.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading the stories and letters from different boys and girls from different states of the union, and when I saw the Missing Word Contest I thought I would write you a little letter and send you the verse: I am thirteen years old and am in the eighth grade at school. I don't live very far from the school house, and so far haven't been tardy nor absent and hope I can keep up my record. Yours truly, Nina L. Lovejoy.

Here is the verse: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Hand; 4, Roof; 5, Legs; 6, Lay; 7, Said; 8, See; 9, Cry; 10, Head; 11, Selfish; 12, Pull.

I was very glad to print your "little letter" Nina. I think you are a smart little girl to be in the eighth grade and you have reason to be proud of your record. I hope you will write again. Our third letter is from Helen Catlin, of Sunfield, Michigan.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading the stories in the Children's Story Telling Club so I will join you too. I like to write stories so I will tell about my playmates and pets. I have many playmates. Their names are: Ruby, Minnie, and Olive. I go to school every day. I haven't been tardy or absent this year. My teacher's name is Ethel Yaris. She is very nice; we all like her. The name of my school is the Halladay. I am 11 years old and will be 12 the 11th of March. I am in the seventh and eighth grades. I have a sister; her name is Hazel—she is eighteen years old. I have many pets, too. I have a pet goat whose name is Topsy. I have a dog and four little banty chickens. My dog's name is Sport. I hope my letter is not too long. I am greatly pleased with the contest and will write what I think right: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Face; 4, Roof; 5, Feet; 6, Hide; 7, Said; 8, See; 9, Peck; 10, Head; 11, Mournful; 12, Pull. I will close for now. Lovingly yours, Helen Catlin.

Helen, dear, your letter was very nice and not a bit too long. Your editor thinks you are a smart little girl to be in the seventh and eighth grades. I notice that you wrote a second letter for the club the other day, and I am pleased that you wrote again for we like to have our little club members write letters (as many as they wish). But as each letter must wait its turn, sometimes it is quite a long while before they can be published. But they WILL BE PUBLISHED, every single one—don't forget that—only you will all have to be patient as you can be. Our next letter is from Ruby Edith Converse, of Muir, Michigan, who won the FIRST prize in the Missing Word Contest.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading the stories and letters in the "Children's Story Telling Club," and found it quite interesting and wish to join it. I am a girl eleven years old and in the fifth grade. I have one sister who is thirteen years old; her name is Beulah. We have a mile and three-quarters to walk to school. Would like very much to have you send me a membership card. Will close, hoping to see this in print as it is the first I have ever written. Here are the Missing Words: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Small; 4, Shelter; 5, Legs; 6, Show; 7, Said; 8, See; 9, Cluck; 10, Head; 11, Solemn; 12, Pull. Your friend, Ruby Edith Converse.

Ruby, I hope you will write us a nice long letter and tell us how you liked your prize. Did you receive your membership card? I sent you one some time ago. Our next letter is from one of the winners of our second prizes. Bernice Packard, of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Dear Editor:—I have read your stories in our paper. I am twelve years old and will be thirteen the fifteenth of September. I have one brother and one sister. I am going to try and get the Missing Words for the verses. If I should succeed in getting the prize I would choose the book. Here are the Missing Words: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Rough; 4, Roof; 5, Legs; 6, Show; 7, Said; 8, See; 9, Cluck; 10, Head; 11, Sang; 12, Pull. I am going to write some missing word verses soon. My address is: (Miss) Bernice Packard, Pichard ave., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

I hope you will like your Post Card in a box, Bernice, and I hope you will write another letter for our club real soon. Our next letter is from Helen Collier, of Laingsburg, Michigan.

Dear Editor:—I would like to join your club. I have just finished reading the letters published and enjoyed them very much. I am twelve years old and have no brothers or sisters. My father is dead. My mother is a milliner and is at Detroit buying spring hats; and I am sick with the mumps so I hope you will excuse my writing this time. I have filled in the Missing Word verses and hope I will receive a prize. I will not write any more for this time. 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Hand; 4, Edge; 5, Head; 6, Lay; 7, Said; 8, See; 9, Squak; 10, Head; 11, Frightened; 12, Pull. Yours truly, Helen Collier, Laingsburg, Mich.

Of course, I'll excuse your letter, Helen, if you want me to (only there really was nothing to excuse, dear). But I know just how disagreeable mumps are. I had them last spring and, Goodness Gracious! but I was a sight! I'm sure you must have received your prize by this time, Helen, and I hope you are pleased with it; I also hope you will write another letter for the club. Our next letter is from Cora Ida McKinley, of Holland, Michigan.

Dear Editor:—I see all the children are joining the "Story Telling Club," so I thought I would like to join it, too. I just read the Missing Word verses and I think I have the right words: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Small; 4, Roof; 5, Legs; 6, Hatch; 7, Said; 8, Fix; 9, Bite; 10, Head; 11, Different; 12, Pull. This is my first letter to the Story Telling Club. I wish to see it in print. Yours truly, Cora Ida McKinley.

Cora, dear, thank you very much for the pretty Easter card you enclosed with your letter. I hope you like the prize card I sent you, and I hope you will write again to our club. Our next letter is from Roberta Wade.

Dear Editor:—I would like very much to join the club. I would also like to write to and receive letters from the members. I am a little girl twelve years old. I go to the Sheridan public school and I am in the eighth grade. I enjoy reading the letters and stories in this department. I have two sisters and a brother. Their

names are: Pauline, Dorothy and Birdett. I read a lot. My favorite books are: "Anne of Green Gables," "Lady Barefoot," and "The Secret Garden." In our school we have formed a club called the "Band of Mercy." Our object is to prevent cruelty to animals and birds. Whenever we can we do something to help some animal or bird. Our colors are blue and white. If you would send me a membership card I would be greatly pleased. Your friend, Roberta Wade.

Roberta, I am dreadfully sorry that I did not send you a membership card at once, but you see you did not write your address. However, I have sent you a membership card to Sheridan, Mich., as I notice you go to school there. If you have not received it when you read this in the paper please write to me at once and send me your REAL address. I think you wrote a very interesting letter, Roberta, and I thought your description of your "Band of Mercy" very splendid. I beg your pardon, dear, I forgot to put down your list of Missing Words. I will print them here: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Brown; 4, Wall; 5, Legs; 6, Show; 7, Said; 8, See; 9, Cluck; 10, Head; 11, Lofty; 12, Pull.

Our next letter is from Anna Christensen, of Lakeview, Michigan.

Dear Editor:—I am writing for the first time to your club. Our neighbor, who takes the paper, told me about your letters so I would like to join your club. I am twelve years old and I go to Kendallville school; am in the sixth grade. I like my teacher very much; her name is Miss Krogman. I have half a mile to go to school. I have four sisters and six brothers. One of my sisters is married and has a little baby boy. His name is Stanley Ray Neilson; he is a year old. I will not write any more or my letter will be too long. Your truly, Anna Christensen.

Missing Word Contest: 1, Years; 2, Biddy; 3, Small; 4, Roof; 5, Legs; 6, Keep; 7, Said; 8, See; 9, Cry; 10, Head; 11, Prudent; 12, Pull.

Anna, you wrote a fine letter, and I certainly hope you will write again. Did you receive your membership card? Your sister's little baby boy has a pretty name. Our last letter for this week is from Phyllis Neilson, of Hart, Mich.

Dear Editor:—I am a little girl eight years old and I wish to join the "Children's Story Telling Club" and the Missing Word Contest. The words which I have are: 1, years; 2, biddy; 3, brown; 4, roof; 5, legs; 6, lay; 7, said; 8, make; 9, look; 10, head; 11, naughty; 12, pull. Yours truly, Phyllis Neilson.

Thank you for your interesting little letter, Phyllis. I am awfully glad to have you join our club. I sent you a membership card; hope you received it all right. Write again.

If I had space, Dears, I would print the Missing Word poem this week. I mean I would print it with the correct words in every line so you could tell just where you made a mis-guess. I will print it next week. Now good bye with best wishes to you all.

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Cut out the outline drawing and place on a regular drawing table, fastening the paper by inserting thumb tacks at each corner. If you have not a drawing table the design may be fastened to a large pasteboard, or soft, smooth board. Water colors, or crayons may be used for the work. Each section you will note is marked with a letter from the alphabet. Now begin with letter A, all sections marked A, color red; B, blue; C, brown; D, yellow; E, green; F, black.

The drawings, when completed, may be posted on pasteboard, or in a scrap book for keeping. Parents should encourage and help their children to start. The little one will find pleasure and enjoyment in coloring the drawings. It is a good pastime, and educates the child. The Editor of the department invites correspondence and will gladly answer questions on drawing, review work and offer suggestions when stamp is enclosed for a reply.

